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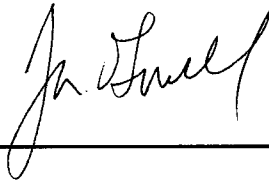
DATE: May 6, 2004

TO: Transportation and Communications Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Approve submission of letter supporting House and Senate Bill provisions to fund transportation programs for Indian Reservations in the reauthorization of TEA-21.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve submittal of a letter to the House of Representative and U.S. Senate Conferees supporting specific provisions related to funding roads, bridges, transit and safety programs for Indian Reservations in the reauthorization of TEA-21.

BACKGROUND: At the February 20, 2004 SCAG Summit with Tribal Nations it was requested that SCAG send a letter of support for the funding of the Indian Road Reservation program in the reauthorization of TEA-21. In early April both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate passed legislation (HR. 3550 and S. 1072) to re-authorize TEA-21. The House version (HR 3550) provides \$2.315 billion (over six years) for the Indian Road Reservation program and the Senate version includes \$2.175 billion over a period of six years (FY04 – FY09). The Senate version is \$140 million less than the House version, however the Senate version includes a \$15 million annual set aside for IRR Bridges; \$5 million per year for transit increasing to \$9 million in 2009; and \$2.7 million for highway safety programs.

FISCAL IMPACT: None